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BUNGLING IN MONEY ORDERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether fraud and bungling of money orders are rampant in post offices across the country as reported in the Hindi daily `Navbharat Times` dated September 27, 2004;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against those found guilty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Some cases of bogus Money Orders were detected in Delhi as reported in the aforesaid newspaper.

(b) Since November, 1999 till date, a total of 200 bogus Money Orders have been detected out of which 190 bogus Money Orders involving an amount of Rs. 9.37 lakhs were paid.

(c) & (d) Departmental inquiry conducted in the cases revealed that such Money Orders were purportedly issued from Post Offices in Gorakhpur and Azamgarh in U.P., Kanke Post Office (Ranchi) in Jharkhand and Ghanta Ghar Post Office (Kota) in Rajasthan.

(e) All cases were reported to the Police who arrested four private persons involved in the cases. Departmental action has also been initiated against the erring postal employees for lapses on their part.